Changes in National Power Policy

2520. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to carry out major changes and modifications in the National Power Policy, particularly by way of switching off reforms in power sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for bringing about such modifications?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Review of power sector

2521. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reserved the country's power sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are also looking at infrastructural issues in the power sector that are causing serious concern to Government as compared with areas like telecommunication;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken to overcome such hurdles?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Electricity Act, 2003 has put in place a liberal and progressive legal framework. Generation has been delicensed. Transmission, Distribution and Trading of electricity are lincensed activities. Licence for these activities is to be granted and regulated by the Electricity Regulatory Commissions.

(c) to (e) Government of India has notified National Electricity Policy and Tariff Policy under the Act in consultation with various stakeholders. These policies address various issues of the power sector.